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Martifer-Hirschfeld Energy Systems LLC Partners with Howard College-San Angelo for \$599,317 Job-Training Grant

AUSTIN – Martifer-Hirschfeld Energy Systems LLC (Martifer-Hirschfeld) has partnered with Howard College-San Angelo to provide job training using a \$599,317 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

The grant will be used to custom train workers for 133 new or upgraded jobs. Upon completion of training, workers will fill positions such as logistics operators, production helpers and repair welding operators and receive an average hourly wage of \$14.21.

“The training programs taking place using this grant will build competent skills,” said TWC Commissioner Representing the Public Andres Alcantar. “The number of Texans working in these jobs earning good wages will be a great economic boost for the Concho Valley area.”

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2008, Skills Development Fund grants created or upgraded 19,689 jobs, which paid an average hourly wage of \$24.29. These grants assisted 148 Texas employers with their customized training needs.

The Legislature appropriated \$90 million to the Skills Development Fund for the 2010-11 biennium. Employers seeking more information about the Skills Development Fund may visit the TWC Web site at <http://skills.texasworkforce.org>.

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